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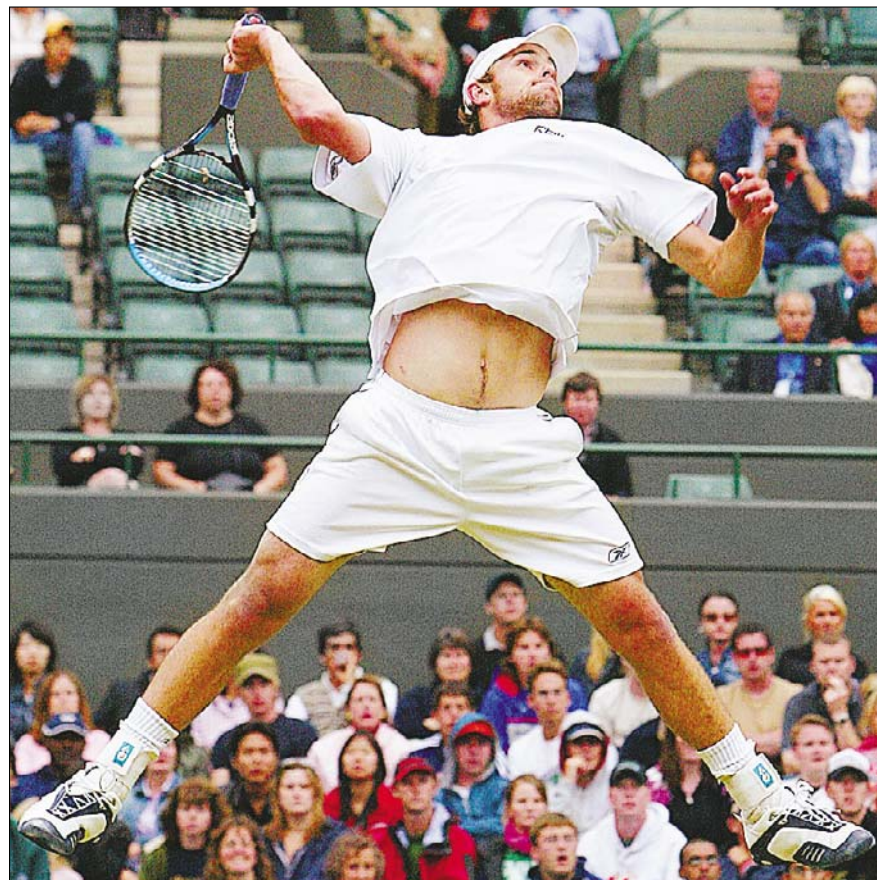


PHOTO FINISH: Andy Roddick leaps to drive a final point Wednesday, sealing the fate of rival Sjeng Schalken and edging closer to the finals. ♣ **Wimbledon women:** Serena Williams dominates | Page 20

‘Tractor Man’ Sentence Reduced

WASHINGTON | “Tractor Man” could be a free man far sooner than first thought.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson held a hearing Wednesday in which he reduced Dwight Ware Watson’s sentence from six years to just 16 months. Watson’s lawyer said his release was “imminent.” Watson has already served 15 months in prison.

Jackson cited a Supreme Court ruling that came one day after last week’s initial sentencing. The high court ruled that only juries — not judges — can lengthen prison terms beyond the maximum set out in state

sentencing guidelines.

Watson, 51, of Whitakers, N.C., drove his tractor into a pond on the National Mall on March 17, 2003, and began a 47-hour standoff with police, claiming to have “organophosphate bombs.” Streets were closed and traffic backed up for miles over four rush hours until Watson surrendered.

A spokesman for the U.S. attorney’s office said the government filed an emergency motion for Jackson to stay his order late Wednesday, calling it a precursor to an appeal. **DERRILL HOLLY (AP)**

Saddam In Iraqi Custody

War crimes, genocide likely charges against ex-dictator

BAGHDAD, IRAQ | Saddam Hussein, looking thinner after nearly seven months as a U.S. captive, was transferred to Iraqi custody Wednesday, reducing him to a criminal defendant in the land he once ruled and launching the process of holding him and his henchmen accountable for their brutal regime.

The former dictator and 11 of his top lieutenants are no longer prisoners of war but still locked up with U.S. forces as their jailers.

On Thursday, the 12 will appear before an Iraqi judge to hear criminal charges likely to include war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity. President Ghazi al-Yawer told an Arab newspaper that Iraq’s new government has decided to reinstate the death penalty, suspended during the U.S. occupation.

The transfer of legal custody took place in secret. Salem Chalabi, director of the Iraqi Special Tribunal, said the defendants were brought one by one into a room at an undisclosed location and informed of the change in their status from POW to criminal suspect.

According to Chalabi, the 67-year-old Saddam appeared haggard after his U.S. confinement. Saddam said “good morning” as he entered the room, listened to the official explanation and was told he could respond to the complaints Thursday. He was then hustled away. **FISNIK ABRASHI (AP)**



Saddam

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CRIME | About a Grill Barbecue champ Paul Kirk of Roeland Park, Kan., is flaming mad over the theft of his custom-made \$18,000 grill. “It was a slap across the face of mankind,” said David Klose, the Houston man who built the giant barbecue cooker. Kirk’s grill and the



\$8,000 van that pulled it were stolen over the weekend, along with food intended for a catering job. The cooker and the van were recovered Tuesday at an apartment complex. Police Chief Rex Taylor said police are investigating the crime as an auto theft. **(AP) EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners



STUNTS

Can He Swing on a Thread?

Sometimes people in Singapore just try harder. Take, for example, promotion of the would-be summer blockbuster movie "Spider-Man 2." In the states, we have balloons or dolls or something equally uninspired latched to buildings to draw attention to our favorite spider-bite victim. But on Wednesday an actor dressed as the web-slinger actually scaled the control tower at Singapore's Changi airport — with appropriate safety gear — to make a statement. Anybody else crave popcorn right now? (EXPRESS)



ED WRAY/AP

ANIMAL WATCH

A Moving Story

Once, Willy the Chihuahua didn't get around much at all. But then the paraplegic pup met up with owner Deborah Turner. Now, fitted with a special set of wheels, Willy is delighting kids around the globe — as evidenced by a stop in Japan on Wednesday. Willy's Web site (wheelywilly.com) explains that the dog "charms both children and adults with his 'I Can' attitude. His example of living life with courage, exuberance, and zest is the best lesson he teaches." Roll on, little buddy. (EXPRESS)



KYODO NEWS/AP

LUCK

Life Lines

A woman living in a nursing home in Barcelona, Spain, fell from a fifth-story window Wednesday but landed on a clothesline and survived, officials said. Firefighters extricated her from the clothesline of the nursing home's courtyard and the woman ended up with only a fractured leg, the news agency Efe reported. Her age was not given. (AP)

IN A JAM

Oh Chute

An 11-year-old boy in Lancaster, Calif., had to be rescued by firefighters after he got stuck in a chimney while trying to get into his friend's locked house. "I wasn't Santa Claus," said Rance Hill, who spent 1½ hours in the chimney Tuesday. Firefighters finally tugged him out with a rope. His advice to other kids: "Never go down a chimney. Not even for a thousand dollars." (AP)

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In Brief

NEW YORK

Staten Island Ferry That Hit Pier Resumes Schedule

The Staten Island ferry that crashed into a pier Oct. 15, killing 11 people, was relaunched Wednesday after \$5.8 million in repairs and the installation of a memorial plaque with the victims' names. The ferry's return to service is an "example of the strength and resilience of our city," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said. (AP)

BOISE, IDAHO

Immigration Counts Against Graduate Student Dropped

The government agreed Wednesday to throw out all remaining charges against a Saudi graduate student whose terrorism case was seen as an important confrontation between free speech and the war on terror. Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a 34-year-old University of Idaho student, was acquitted in June of using his computer skills to support terrorism. (AP)

NEW YORK

Steinberg Finishes 15-Year Sentence for Child's Killing

Joel Steinberg got out of prison and returned to a hostile city Wednesday after nearly 17 years behind bars for beating to death his 6-year-old adopted daughter. The former lawyer, now 63, was released from a prison in Pine City, in central New York, after serving two-thirds of the maximum 25-year sentence. He has continued to deny responsibility for the girl's death. (AP)



Steinberg

SPACEWALK | TOOL TIME



FIX-IT MEN: Astronauts Gennady Padalka, left, and Mike Fincke, right, engage in a tricky spacewalk to replace a circuit breaker on the International Space Station. ♦ **Risky repair:** Details on the walk | www.washingtonpost.com/nation

Drug Prices Rise 3% in Early 2004

WASHINGTON | Drug makers raised prescription prices by nearly triple the rate of inflation in the first three months of this year — just before Medicare began its pharmacy discount card program — negating much of the savings the government promised to seniors, according to an AARP survey released Wednesday.

Prices rose by 3.4 percent among the top 200 brand-name drugs while inflation in general was 1.2

percent in the first quarter of 2004, the study said. It tracked the prices pharmaceutical companies charge drug wholesalers.

Most of the top 10 selling drugs increased more than the average, led by Bristol-Myers Squibb's Plavix. The price of the blood thinner increased by 7.9 percent, the 35 million-member AARP said.

The Medicare card program began in June, although companies started advertising their prices in April. The Bush administration says the average savings on brand-name drugs is 11 percent to 18 percent for discount card holders. (AP)

Cassini Speeds To Saturn's Orbit

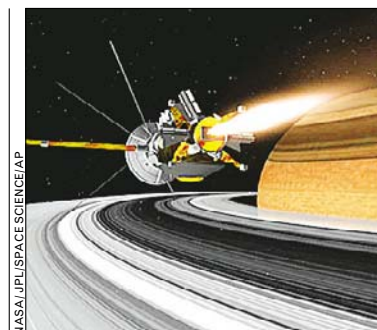
Scientists expect spacecraft to provide 4-year tour of planet

PASADENA, CALIF. | The Cassini spacecraft hurtled toward Saturn on Wednesday on a mission to thread the gap between two of its dazzling rings and settle into orbit around the giant planet, 900 million miles from Earth.

Flight scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Center said the craft was on track to enter orbit just after midnight EDT and begin the most detailed look ever at Saturn.

The \$3.3 billion mission, funded by U.S. and European space agencies, was designed to give scientists at least a four-year tour of Saturn and some of its 31 known moons. Cassini is scheduled to make 76 orbits and repeated fly-bys of the moons.

Saturn, the sixth planet from the sun and the second-largest,



An artist's conception of the Cassini Orbiter as it nears the rings of Saturn.

intrigues scientists because it is like a model of the early solar system, when the sun was surrounded by a disk of gas and dust.

Cassini has traveled 2.2 billion miles since it was launched in 1997, getting gravitational assists from Earth and Venus as it caromed around the solar system.

Cassini also carried with it the Huygens probe, which will be sent into the atmosphere of Saturn's big moon Titan. JOHN ANTCAZAK (AP)

USDA Test Clears Animal of Mad Cow

WASHINGTON | No sign of mad cow disease was found in an animal that was singled out in preliminary screening last week, the Agriculture Department said Wednesday after a follow-up test.

Officials declined to provide any additional information about the animal.

Test results on a second carcass

that also was singled out as possibly being infected will not be available for several days.

The preliminary test last Friday was the first time in 8,587 such screenings that the results came up "inconclusive," raising the possibility of a mad cow disease infection, since the screenings began June 1. (AP)

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School Misconduct Cited

Study estimates nearly 1 in 10 students subject to sexual misbehavior

WASHINGTON | More than 4.5 million students endure sexual misconduct by employees at their schools, from inappropriate jokes all the way to forced sex, according to a report to Congress.

The best estimate available shows nearly one in 10 kids faces misbehavior ranging from unprofessional to criminal sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade, says the report by Charol Shakeshaft, a Hofstra University professor.

The report, required by the No Child Left Behind law and delivered to Congress on Wednesday, is the first to analyze research about sexual misconduct at schools.

There have been no nationally financed surveys of how common sexual misconduct is in school, one of many areas Shakeshaft suggests must be addressed. She examined existing research, finding almost 900 documents that have dealt with the topic in some way.

Among those, the best estimate of misconduct came from surveys in 2000 of students in grades eight to 11, Shakeshaft said. That research found nearly 9.6 percent of students had been sexu-

ally harassed or abused by school workers. Shakeshaft reanalyzed the data and said it could be applied to the broad school population, meaning more than 4.5 million students could be affected.

Sexual misconduct is defined in the report as physical, verbal or visual behavior. Shakeshaft did not limit her findings to sexual abuse because, she says, that would exclude other unacceptable adult behaviors that can drive kids from school and harm them for years.

The report found teachers are the most common offenders, followed by coaches, substitute teachers, bus drivers and teacher aides.

BEN FELLER (AP)

SUMMER WEATHER | FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH



WATER WONDERLAND: Juan McQueen, 10, looks to escape hot summer weather by resting on a giant sprinkler at the East Bradenton Aquatic Center in Bradenton, Fla. on Wednesday. Temperatures in the area climbed into the 90s.

TIFFANY TOMPKINS-CONDIE/THE BRADENTON HERALD/AP

Dean, Nader to Spar in Radio Debate

WASHINGTON | Among the debate topics: Should Ralph run for president? The participants: Howard Dean and a candidate who always has an opinion on the subject — independent Ralph Nader.

Dean, the former Democratic presidential hopeful who attracted legions of liberal followers before his bid fizzled out, will debate Nader for 90 minutes on July 9 before a studio audience.

National Public Radio's weekly

program "Justice Talking" is sponsoring the debate, and correspondent Margot Adler will moderate.

Dean has been urging his supporters not to back Nader, but to stay within the Democratic fold and vote for John Kerry,

Many Democrats blame Nader's last run for the presidency for stealing votes from Al Gore in the 2000 election. Nader says Democrats have only themselves to blame for losing.



Nader

Dean

"This is an opportunity to discuss how to reinvigorate our democracy by providing voters with more choices and voices rather than our anemic two-party corporate duopoly," Nader said in a statement. (AP)

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World

Powell Presses Sudan to End Conflict

Secretary of State tours camp in area shattered by violence

AL-FASHER, SUDAN | Sudanese refugees strained Wednesday for a look at Secretary of State Colin Powell, who came to tour camps and press the government to end ethnic violence and a humanitarian crisis he has called "catastrophic."

Powell's visit came as the United States increased pressure on Sudan with a draft resolution calling on the United Nations to impose an arms embargo and travel ban on the Arab militias that are blamed for attacks against black African rebels in Sudan's western Darfur region.

Powell and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan met in Khartoum during a rare coordinated visit aimed at making sure the crisis that has forced more than



These Sudanese children were orphaned during the attacks by Arab militias outside their home south of Darfur this week. In an unusually high-powered visit, both Powell and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan visited the region Wednesday.

1 million people to flee their homes and killed 30,000 over the past 16 months is not ignored. Powell spent much of his time during his brief

visit at Abu-Shouk conferring with an official from the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Annan, meeting with Sudanese

officials, said urgent action was needed and that he hoped "to make some real progress in the next 24 to 48 hours."

Several people told reporters accompanying Powell about relatives killed by the Janjaweed — the Arab militias that have carried out the brutal counterinsurgency. Human rights groups have accused the government of backing the militias in a campaign to forcibly remove African farmers from the region.

The United Nations has called the situation in Darfur the world's most serious humanitarian crisis. But those assessments are sharply disputed by the Sudanese. Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail said Tuesday night that "there is no famine, no malnutrition and no disease." GEORGE GEDDA (AP)

Life inside: Malnutrition is rampant among children in the camp, which houses 40,000 | Today's Post: Section A

Israeli Court Says Disputed Barrier Must Be Rerouted

BIDOU, WEST BANK | Israel's Supreme Court sided with the Palestinians in a precedent-setting decision Wednesday, ordering the government to reroute part of its West Bank separation barrier near Jerusalem because it causes too much suffering.

The ruling — the first major legal decision on the barrier, which Israel says is crucial for keeping out suicide bombers — cracked a cornerstone of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to disengage from the Palestinians. Several officials decried the ruling, but the Defense Ministry said it would comply.

The court, which did not shoot down the barrier itself but rather the chosen route, also forced the government to return land that has been seized and compensate the Palestinians for their financial losses. (AP)

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HONG KONG

Marchers to Protest Chinese Rule During Anniversary

Thousands are expected to march Thursday to demand universal suffrage, stealing the stage from official events marking the seventh anniversary of Hong Kong's return from Britain to China. The rally comes a year after 500,000 people turned out for an anti-government protest. Critics charge that China, which has told Hong Kong residents they can't directly choose their next leader, has reneged on its promise to grant the territory a great deal of autonomy. (AP)

BRITAIN

Strike Snarls London Subway

A 24-hour subway strike made an exasperating mess of London transportation Wednesday, tangling traffic and forcing millions of commuters onto overcrowded buses that took hours to crawl through the city. The current dispute between London Underground managers and the Rail Maritime and Transport Union was over a pay proposal that would give the workers a two-year raise worth 6.75 percent. (AP)

BALKANS

Frustrated Ashdown Sacks Top Bosnian Serb Officials

Weeding out suspected loyalists to accused war criminals, Bosnia-Herzegovina's international administrator on Wednesday fired 60 Bosnian Serb officials, including Parliament Speaker Dragan Kalinic. The moves by Paddy Ashdown follow increasing frustration about the lack of progress in capturing Radovan Karadzic and others indicted by the U.N. war crimes tribunal. Karadzic was the leader of Bosnia's Serbs during the 1992-1995 ethnic war that killed 260,000. He is thought to be in Bosnia, eluding capture with the help of a network of supporters. (AP)

ENGLAND | THE SPORTING CROWD



DRESS CODE: Spectators gather for the opening races of the Henley Royal Regatta in Henley-on-Thames on Wednesday. The regatta, part of the traditional summer "social season" in Britain, has been held annually since 1839.

In Iraq, No Let-Up To Daily Violence

11 GIs hurt after base attacked; car bomb injures 2 in Samawah

BAGHDAD | Insurgents fired mortar rounds at a U.S. base on the outskirts of Baghdad's airport Wednesday, wounding 11 soldiers. The base, which is operated by the New Mexico Army National Guard, has been subject to almost daily mortar attacks, but this was the first time the attacks caused significant casualties and damage.

The attack, along with a car bomb near a police headquarters that hurt two people in Samawah, 150 miles south of the capital, added to the evidence that insurgents have no plans of letting up attacks — even after the coalition handed sovereignty to Iraqis on Monday.

Meanwhile, police slapped a 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on the Shiite holy city of Najaf Wednesday, a day

after discovering about 150 pounds of explosives in a white BMW, police Brig. Ghalib al-Jazaari said. One Libyan man who allegedly entered Iraq from Syria to fight U.S. forces was detained in connection with the incident, al-Jazaari said. (AP)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

→ **The U.S. military said** Wednesday an investigation of an air attack near the Syrian border last month hit a legitimate military target, despite claims by survivors who said it was a wedding party.

→ **The U.S. military launched an airstrike** Thursday against a suspected hideout of terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Fallujah. Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt said the strike came after "multiple confirmations of Iraqi and multinational intelligence." He provided no other details and did not mention casualties. (AP)

Al Qaeda Figure Killed in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA | A firebrand cleric who issued fatwas on behalf of an al Qaeda-linked group in Saudi Arabia was gunned down Wednesday in a shootout in Riyadh, an official said. The clash also killed a policeman.

The cleric, Abdullah Mohammed Rashid al-Roshoud, is believed to have been the chief ideologue for al Qaeda in the region, a security official said on condition of anonymity.

Al-Roshoud, who has called for holy war against the Saudi royal

family and Western interests in the Gulf, is the latest high-ranking member of an al Qaeda-linked group killed in Saudi Arabia's crackdown on militants following a spate of terrorist attacks on Saudi soil. In all, 10 of the 26 most-wanted terrorists in Saudi Arabia have been killed in the crackdown. (AP)

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Metro Can Support Longer Trains

Platforms can accommodate 8 cars, study finds

WASHINGTON | Metrorail stations can handle eight-car trains, and there is less work involved than originally thought to get them into service, Metro officials are expected to tell board members Thursday.

The subway system was designed 28 years ago to accommodate the longer trains, and they ran briefly in the mid-1970s. But back then Metro

officials said they had more time between trains to correct things if a train overshot the station.

Eight-car trains are 600 feet long — exactly the same length as Metro station platforms. It wasn't until a recent study that officials knew they could get the longer trains to stop within the platforms on a regular basis.

Last July, Metro's board approved a \$3 million pilot project to test the stopping ability of eight-car trains. Rail car manufacturer Alstom found Metro does not need to install more equipment on the tracks to get the trains to stop at the platform. P. Takis Salpeas, Metro's head of construction, said the extra savings would be used to install new stopping software in at least 16 rail cars before next June.

Alstom also determined its software could overshoot or undershoot platforms by about 3.5 feet — a half foot more than Metro wanted. Officials said that's still acceptable, but if the trains overshoot a platform by 6.5 feet or more the doors won't open automatically.

CANDACE SMITH (AP)

Tight fit: Lyndsey Layton describes what riding Metro's new late-night, 2-car trains feels like | Today's Post, AI

Search Is On for Bold Robbers

FBI issues \$50,000 reward for tips leading to heavily armed gang

WASHINGTON | Investigators believe somebody probably has information that could lead to the undoing of some brazen bank robbers who have been packing heavy firepower.

Authorities are searching for at least three unidentified men believed to have pulled off a half-dozen bank heists in the District of Columbia and Prince George's County, Md.

The latest robbery took place Tuesday at a SunTrust Bank branch in Northwest Washington, where investigators said three masked men were seen fleeing the bank carrying what appeared to be automatic assault rifles.

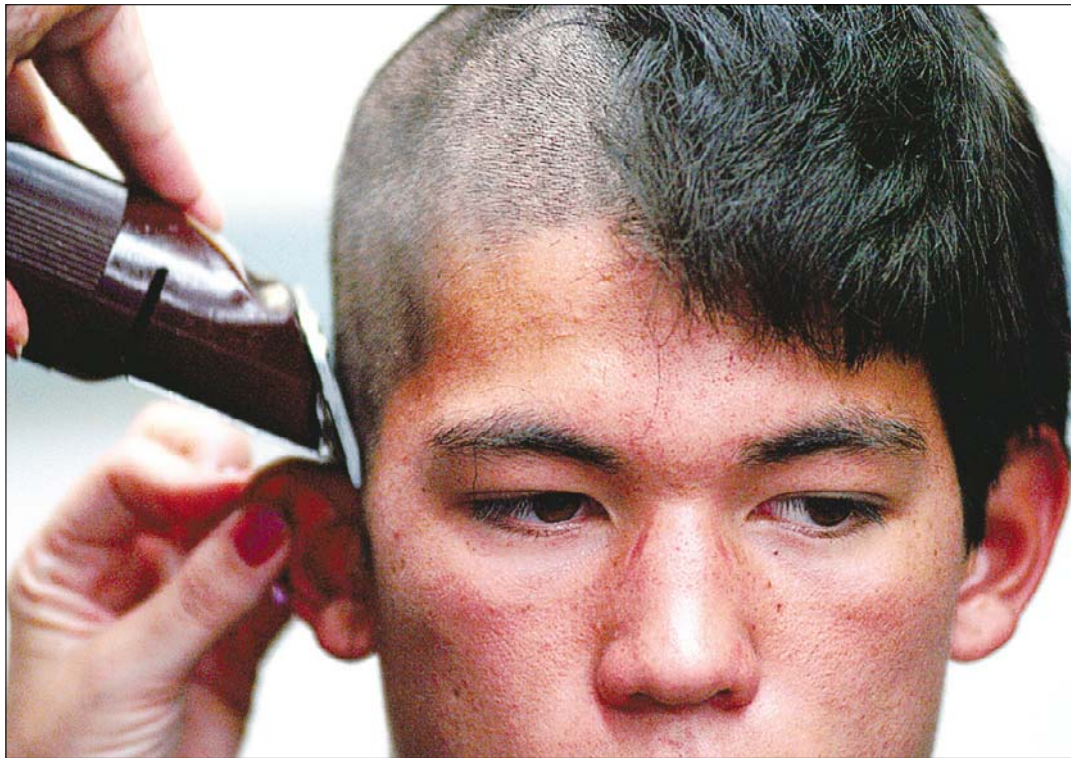
The three men involved in Tuesday's robbery were described as wearing ski masks and fatigues. Authorities said one of the gunmen fired his weapon inside the bank, but no one was wounded.

"These men are ruthless," said Tom Kinnally, special agent in charge of the Criminal Division of the FBI's Washington Field Office. "We think someone out there knows, or suspects they know, who these men are."

The FBI is offering a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to the identification, arrest and conviction of the suspects. (AP)

Chief concerns: D.C. police chief Charles Ramsey will discuss the robberies | washingtonpost.com/liveonline at 1 p.m.

FIRST DAY | CLEAN SHORN



BUZZED: Jacob Rozich, 18, of Altoona, Wis., gets his head shaved during Induction Day at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., on Wednesday. It was just the first of about six weeks of drills and training for the 1,230 freshman enrolled to attend the academy. The months leading to September are known as "plebe summer."

Mayor Supports Casino Petition Drive

Williams says people should vote on issue, but he won't back plan

WASHINGTON | With a petition drive to put a casino initiative on the ballot expected to begin this week, the city's mayor said he will sign the petition — then vote against the plan.

District of Columbia Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Wednesday

that voters ought to be able to decide whether they want a casino with more than 3,000 video lottery terminals in Northeast Washington. But he said he does not like the idea, and warned there is "significant opposition" in the D.C. Council and Congress.

On the eve of Thursday's D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics meeting which will assess the language of the petition's summary, Williams said it was the people's right to vote on the issue. However,

he expressed disapproval of Capital Horizon's proposal.

On Tuesday, District of Columbia Superior Court Judge James Boasberg ruled in favor of casino supporters allowing them to begin collecting signatures to put the initiative to a vote.

Casino supporters have until July 6 to gather 17,500 verifiable signatures from registered D.C. voters in order to place the initiative on the Nov. 2 ballot. MADISON PARK (AP)

In Brief

BALTIMORE

Md. Marine Killed in Iraq

A Marine from Maryland was killed Tuesday after the vehicle he was riding in hit a roadside bomb in Iraq, a relative said Wednesday. Lance Cpl. Patrick Adle, 21, of Bel Air, was one of five Marines who were traveling in a Humvee to Baghdad when the bomb exploded, said Joshua Tackett, Adle's cousin. (AP)

RICHMOND

Assembly Could Have Given Va. Workers Sundays Off

An oversight by the General Assembly could give workers throughout Virginia the option of having Sundays off. During the last session, a bill sponsored by Sen. Frederick M. Quayle, R-Chesapeake, repealed "blue laws" banning Sunday work and a long list of business exemptions attached to it. That list was cross-referenced with another statute still on the books: the "day-of-rest" law. The error has businesses scrambling and government officials seeking a quick fix. (AP)

The Lotteries

Wednesday, June 30

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	1-4-2
Evening Lucky Numbers	5-4-0
Mid-day DC 4	9-7-1-8
Evening DC 4	3-7-8-5
Quick Cash	36-21-3-37-33-27
Hot Five	28-10-5-15-2

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	9-8-2
Evening Pick 3	1-8-6
Mid-day Pick 4	0-5-9-3
Evening Pick 4	9-5-8-0
Match 5	3-13-16-26-31 Bonus: 21

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Mid-day Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-7-9
Evening Pick 3 (Tues.)	6-3-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-8-8-8
Evening Pick 4 (Tues.)	5-7-5-4
Mid-day Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-6-11-13-17
Evening Cash 5 (Tues.)	4-7-30-32-34

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Mega Millions (Tues.)	10-13-19-28-38
Mega Ball	1

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Md. May Ban Snakeheads

Proposal would bar residents from owning 29 types of the fish

COLLEGE PARK, MD. | Maryland environmental officials want to make it illegal to own a snakehead fish in the state, a proposal that comes as the potentially destructive fish infiltrates the Potomac River and other local waters.

The draft regulation, released Wednesday by the Department of Natural Resources, would bar state residents from possessing 29 types of the nonnative fish and



Environmental officials say snakeheads should not be kept as pets in Maryland.

their eggs, including the northern snakehead discovered in the region. Live snakeheads could be kept only with a DNR permit.

State and federal laws ban only the importation of snakeheads across state lines. It is also illegal to introduce them into a state waterway. The fish are sometimes sold at Asian markets or kept as pets.

The regulation is intended to stem the spread of the voracious predator by targeting owners who dump snakeheads into local waters when they outgrow aquariums or are no longer wanted.

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Money

After 4 Years, Rates Go Up

Fed raises interest rate a quarter-point; future hikes to be ‘measured’

WASHINGTON | The Federal Reserve on Wednesday raised interest rates for the first time in four years. Policy-makers signaled only slow increases ahead in the rock-bottom rates Americans have enjoyed.

Wall Street rallied modestly on the Fed’s continued promise of a “measured” pace for future rate increases, with the Dow Jones industrial average climbing 22.05 points to 10,435.48.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and his colleagues announced they were boosting the target for the federal funds rate by one-quarter of a percentage point, to 1.25 percent. This rate, which represents the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, is the Fed’s primary tool for influencing economic activity.

The Fed’s decision triggered a one-quarter percentage point increase in commercial banks’ prime lending rate, which also had not

risen in four years. This benchmark borrowing rate for millions of consumer and business loans rose from 4 percent, the lowest since 1959, to 4.25 percent.

The Fed’s quarter-point increase was the first change since the funds rate was cut to a 46-year low in June 2003. That had marked the 13th Fed rate cut since January 2001, as it battled to jump-start an economy staggered by a series of blows, from a plunging stock market and the 2001 recession to two wars. (AP)

Rate fate: Alice Rivlin, ex-vice chair at the Federal Reserve Board, takes your questions about the new rates | Today at 10 a.m. on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Court OKs Settlement Between U.S., Microsoft

WASHINGTON | A U.S. appeals court on Wednesday unanimously approved the landmark antitrust settlement Microsoft Corp. negotiated with the Justice Department, setting aside objections by Massachusetts that sanctions were inadequate against the world’s largest software company.

In a significant victory for Microsoft, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled 6-0 that the settlement was “in its entirety” in the public’s interest. The

decision relieves Microsoft’s biggest courtroom headache in the United States.

The court applauded provisions of the complex settlement that permit computer makers to hide Microsoft’s built-in Web browser software so that consumers can more seamlessly use software from Microsoft’s rivals.

Microsoft’s top lawyer, Brad Smith, said the decision was a “clear and emphatic message” that its settlement was proper. (AP)

Chiquita Hoping To Test ‘Flavored’ Bananas This Year

CINCINNATI | Chiquita International Brands has taken its bananas to the research lab as part of an effort to make the fruit more appealing to consumers, CEO Fernando Aguirre said, envisioning a banana that’s possibly flavored with the hint of another fruit.

Chiquita would not specify the flavors it is researching, but said the fruit would not be genetically modified. It hopes to test some of its new products in the U.S. or Europe within a year, Aguirre said. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ViadCp wi	28.91	+2.61	+9.9
Salton	5.36	+37	+7.4
NL Ind s	14.50	+95	+7.0
AmRetire	5.04	+32	+6.8
Magnitk	8.34	+51	+6.5

Losers

Gtech	46.31	-6.24	-11.9
CmcBNJ	55.01	-6.14	-10.0
AutoZone	80.10	-8.12	-9.2
Midas	17.40	-1.51	-8.0
RetailVent	7.74	-.57	-6.9

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.38	1.00
3-month	1.26	1.32
2-year	2.68	2.73
10-year	4.58	4.70
30-year	5.29	5.38

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
ECmVnt	9.01	+2.10	+30.4
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QuanFuel	6.12	+1.11	+22.2
ElectSci	28.31	+4.31	+18.0

Losers

Thoratc	10.74	-3.68	-25.5
WSI Inds	2.75	-.78	-22.1
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LexarMd	6.68	-1.33	-16.6

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

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British Pound	.5501	.5535	.6042
Canadian Dollar	1.3343	1.3459	1.3508
European Euro	.8207	.8276	.8708
Japanese Yen	108.83	108.37	119.91
Mexican Peso	11.5040	11.5120	10.4430
Taiwanese Dollar	33.57	33.76	34.61

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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BcoSnCH	10.50	-.02	-12.6
BankOne	51.00	+.58	+11.9
Bk of Am	84.62	+.05	+5.2
Barclay	34.86	-.01	-4.1
CredSuisse	35.81	-.08	-1.4
DeutscheBk	79.11	+.13	-3.8
HSBC	74.91	+.34	-5.0
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LloydTSB	31.88	+.08	-2.1
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Brit-Hop Busts a Move

U.K.'s Dizze Rascal and The Streets show U.S. rappers new tricks

MUSIC | Those cheeky Brits — give them long enough with just about any American pop style and they spit it back new and improved.

So it is that two of the best acts in hip-hop, the Streets (aka Mike Skinner) and Dizze Rascal (Dylan Mills), both on a Thursday bill at 9:30, are subjects of the Crown.

Listeners unfamiliar with toad-in-the-hole may need to bone up on their U.K. slang. When on 2002's "Original Pirate Material" Skinner promised a "day in the life of a geezer," he was referring not to a retiree driving 35 in the fast lane, but to a fellow who's somewhere between a lad, a bloke and a hooligan.

Having devoted much of his debut to the boilerplate bluster requisite to hip-hop introductions, Skinner felt free to do right by his mates on his involving follow-up, "A Grand Don't Come for Free."

The disc is at once humbler and more ambitious. A vernacular song cycle about love, lust and losing your drug money, "A Grand" is held together by strange-rhythmed, earwormy refrains that offer moody settings for down-at-the-heels storytelling.

As Skinner, abandoned by his friends at a club, sinks into a bad trip, dreamlike female harmonies evoke his smearing vision: "Lights are blinding my eyes/ People pushing by/ Then walking off into the night."

Skinner's mock-conversational delivery doesn't flow. Like his tracks, his vocals hobble on peglegs, stumbling, halting, falling down,



JUS' A RASCAL: Dizze reports on East London street woes.

then dusting themselves off again. It's a peculiar form of locomotion, but by the end of the night he'll have you believing it's the only way to get around.

The hormonal spitfire that is Dizze Rascal is the Streets' stylistic opposite. Mills's clipped breakneck boasts are placed behind the rhythm track, so that Dizze is bullied by the big beat of Billy Squier on "Fix Up, Look Sharp" and has to squeeze through the Chipmunk-y chatter of "2 Far."

Like Skinner, however, Mills isn't afraid to examine the chinks in his armor. He's never at a loss for words, but there are times when his young life pains him more than he can say.

GLENN DIXON

9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Thu., July 1, 7:30 p.m., \$20; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)

Top Stops

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How did Robots in Disguise's mechanical masters get their hair so swifty?

Alien Androids: Robots at Freaks United

Sue Denim and Dee Plume look like humans, but they are actually ... Robots in Disguise. Or so their sexy, synth art-school act (produced up by Sneaker Pimp Chris Corner) would have you think, what with the jerky dancing and cool, disconnected vocals and all. They appear as part of Freaks United III, with more than 20 bands and DJ acts in an Independence Day-long fest.

Nation, 1015 Half St. SE; Sun., July 4, 4 p.m., \$15; 202-554-1500. (Navy Yard)

Rock Americana: NRBQ at Birchmere

There's more to Miami's beloved NRBQ than wacky bar-band theatrics. The New Rhythm and Blues Quartet plays it all, most of it rootsy, much of it perfectly suited to a raucous night at a roadhouse. The band performs with Commander Cody, purveyor of bone-raw country rock.

Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; Fri., June 2, 7:30 p.m., \$22.50; 703-549-7500.

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The Emissary: Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour puts some Islamic mysticism into his griot groove.



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Mars Macho: Wrestler Santos and others fight evil in the Hirshhorn's Mexican horror film series.



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Scheme Heat: 'The Producers' isn't subtle, but it sure is funny.



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Happy Birthday: Southern Maryland's Calvert County turns 350 this year. | *Cover*

→ Also, a night at DC9's Taint party; take the kids to Colonial Williamsburg; reviews of new movies.

Películas del Monstruo

The Hirshhorn hosts a program of campy Mexican horror films

FILM | The National Gallery can keep its "Milestones in Mexican Cinema."

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The fun starts Thursday night with 1961's "El baron del terror," in which a heretic who ran afoul of the Inquisition comes back to life 300 years later to wreak vengeance on the descendants of his tormentors.

Whenever the encephalophagous (that's "brain-sucking," for those not



Wrestler-hero Santo conquers a hippie Martian with his keen laser gun.

versed in the cannibalistic arts) villain starts feeling peaked, he reaches for a secret tureen heaped with

room-temperature cerebrums — or is that cerebra? Either way: yum!

The mayhem continues with two of the many films made by silver-masked Mexican wrestler Santo, who's kind of like the Lone Ranger but without Tonto and with high-rise briefs.

On July 8, he faces red-planet thugs in 1966's "Santo el enmascarado de plata vs. la invasion de los marcianos" (Santo the Silver-Masked One vs. the Martian Invasion). On July 15, he tangles with sexy Dracu-lettes in 1962's "Santo el enmascarado de plata vs. las mujeres vampiros" (self-explanatory).

In both cases, the baddies (or their henchmen) prove conversant with all sorts of rasslin', from freestyle to professional to Greco-

Roman. The Martians are so smitten that they adopt Greco-Roman names.

Introductions and wrap-ups will be provided by David Wilt, author of "The Mexican Filmography: 1916 Through 2001." Before the final program, Hirshhorn chief curator Kerry Brougner will lecture on "Horror and the Avant-Garde."

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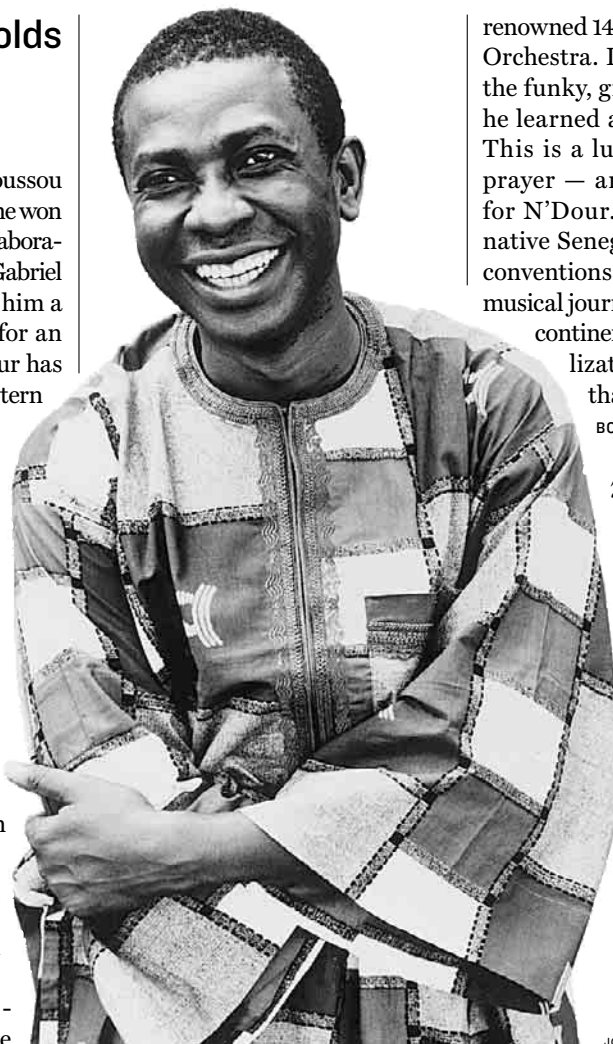
Youssou N'Dour folds Islamic mysticism into his funky mix

MUSIC | Senegalese singer Youssou N'Dour was a star well before he won over Western ears. But his collaborations with Paul Simon, Peter Dinklage and Branford Marsalis gave him a kind of juice that's unique for an African Muslim. Now N'Dour has a musical mission to win Western hearts and minds too.

In a time when world events have cast some sects of Islam in the harshest of lights, the Grammy-nominated singer is determined to show a gentler facet of his faith. His new album, "Egypt," combines meditative Sufi music with Senegalese rhythms and melodies.

The point, the singer says, is to emphasize the tolerance found in Sufi Islam. On Thursday, N'Dour and his band will drive their point home — gently — mere blocks from the White House.

This time the vocalist's quartet is joined by the



JONATHAN MANNION

renowned 14-piece Fathay Salama Orchestra. It's a departure from the funky, griot storytelling style he learned at his mother's knee. This is a lush, mystical call to prayer — and a fresh approach for N'Dour. Rather than adapt native Senegalese sounds to pop conventions, the new songs are a musical journey across the African continent to the cradle of civilization. This is an Islam that's radical for beauty.

BOB MASSEY

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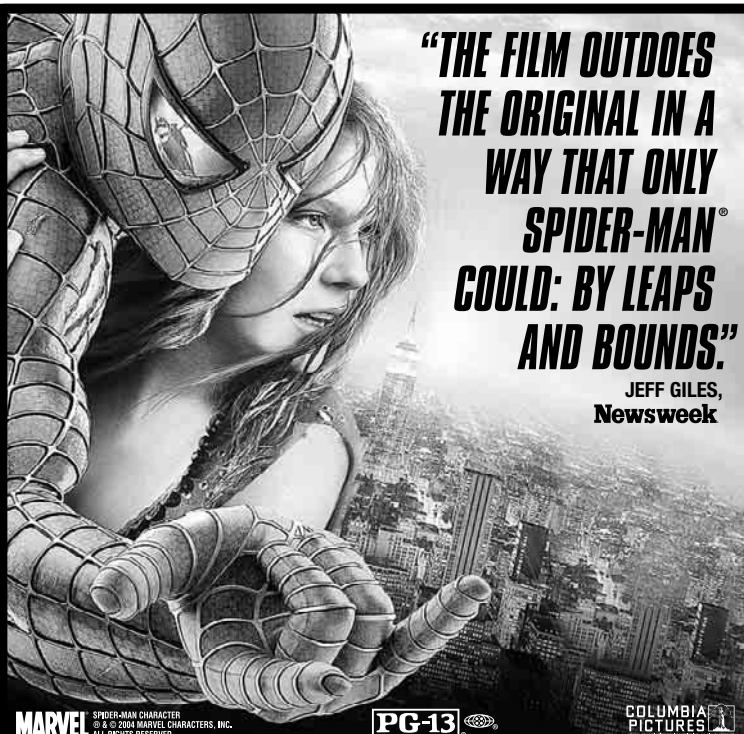
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Another Man's Treasure

PAGES | "Mongo" may sound like the title of a late-'30s "King Kong" rip-off, but, as the "Cassell Dictionary of Slang" informs us, it is New Yorkers' name for sidewalk salvage.

"Mongo" is also the name of a new book by Ted Botha, who reads Thursday at Olsson's in Arlington.

Subtitled "Adventures in Trash," the book plumbs the junk subculture of that city, a city ideally suited to what — at least where we hail from — was always called "trashin'."

As Botha explains, "The combination of wealth, residents living in close quarters and the fact that so much gets thrown away out of lack of space, sheer laziness, ignorance or wastefulness means there's lots of mongo and it's easy to reach."

Botha himself is a collector of collectors. Among the "survivalists" he finds Manuel, who undertook a treacherous 45-day journey from Ecuador to start a new life as a "canner" in East Harlem.

"The dealer" is Botha's nickname for career book picker Steven Dixon. He knows the quirks of the market so well that he once bought a copy of Ray Bradbury's "The Illustrated Man" for five dollars, only to sell it back to the same shop the same day for \$40.

Then there's "treasure hunter" Dave, who dons three pairs of



DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH: Botha demonstrates what a good scrubbing can do.

gloves to dig through landfill, sewage and sediment, sifting bling from the ooze. One time he scored a 1.75-carat diamond.

And don't get him started about that Revolutionary War-era tricorne

a couple of buddies turned up. The toffs at "Antiques Roadshow" priced it at \$9,000. GLENN DIXON

Olsson's, 2111 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Thu., July 1, 7 p.m.; 703-525-4227. (Court House)

MUSEUMS | LOOK AGAIN



GOING HOME: Photographer Zalmay Ahad returned to Afghanistan after 16 years. His re-acquaintance with his native country is documented in the book "Return, Afghanistan," prints of which are on display at National Geographic Explorer's Hall, through July 5, 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588.

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... You are listening to local ska-reggae heroes The Hipnotix

MUSIC | And the flame burns on as local party-starters The Hipnotix set Black Cat's backstage ablaze with a danceable mix of worldly rhythms. Rocking stages from Virginia to Baltimore, The Hipnotix have quickly gained notoriety as one of the area's best live bands.

Their soul-saturated ska is a unique blend that aims to get audiences moving and leave them wanting more. And they seem to have reached that goal; the two-tone Hipnotix can count an already classic debut album, "10 Minutes to Midnight," and many pleased crowds among their achievements.

The Hipnotix's genre-defying beats have shared the stage with the likes of Ben Folds, the Blackalicious duo, the Black-Eyed Peas, Jill Scott, the Roots and various other musicians of note.

Before joining The Hipnotix, the band's members played or record-



THIS TOWN'S NOT BIG ENOUGH: It's a small world for the multigenre act Hipnotix.

ed with a number of diverse acts, including punk pioneers Human Rights, reggae greats the Itals and Ras Michael, local hardcore icons Scream and rock-'n'-funksters Dog Eat Dog. This versatility might be a clue as to the source of the band's range.

And remember, ska is fun but not always easy — if you're having trouble bobbing with the group, just listen for the afterbeat.

DARONA WILLIAMS

Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Thu. July 1, 9 p.m., \$7; (202) 667-7960. (U St.-Cardozo)



HEADS UP: Oakenfold, which is to say, ultra-famous DJ Paul Oakenfold, heads up a night of "vintage electronica" along with Scott Henry and Liquid Todd. One question, though: vintage? Electronica? Seriously, folks, didn't vintage used to mean, "not around anymore"? 9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Sun., July 4, 10 p.m., \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door; 202-265-0930.



MEN OF MISCHIEF: Ruck and Stadlen are the soon-to-be-rich "Producers."

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'The Producers' is the most fun you'll have being offended

STAGE | Into a town riven by partisan sniping and identity politics, where everyone is careful not to offend, where grievances come to be flogged, in goose-steps the jaw-dropping, offend-'em-all, deliriously wrong musical "The Producers."

And it's about time, too. While New York hoarded this hosanna-reaping stage version of Mel Brooks's grotesque (but fabulously funny) 1968 film, Washingtonians twiddled their thumbs, checked their calendars and mortgaged the house again for a chance to train up and see it. But this production, according to the still-breathless-from-laughter rave reviews, is reportedly more than worth the wait.

It stars Alan Ruck, beloved of Gen Xers for his star turn in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," as the feckless Leo Bloom, and Lewis J. Stadlen as the gloriously scheming no-goodnik Max Bialystock, the heartless entrepreneurs who cook

up a scheme to stage the world's most noxious musical and fleece their Broadway angels out of loads of lovely money.

Who needs Nathan Lane when he's simultaneously appearing on every stage on the Great White Way? You can probably run into him hammily singing his guts out while you're grabbing a shashlik in front of the Modern.

The plot? Bloom meets Bialystock when Max is seducing little old ladies out of their money, and, uh, there's a flamboyantly gay director and a hot Swedish secretary and the centerpiece of the musical-within-a-musical is a little showstopper called "Springtime for Hitler," which is exactly as evil as it sounds and, well, those with delicate constitutions need not apply.

What a night at "The Producers" requires is the intestinal fortitude of the ecumenical pleasure-hound, who finds laughs wherever they're offered and leaves sober-faced history to PBS. (EXPRESS)

Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; through Aug. 22, 7:30 p.m. (Thu.-Sun.), 1:30 p.m. (Sat. & Sun.), \$35-\$90; 202-467-4600. (GWU-Foggy Bottom)

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atrical experience. With all the costumes and shouted lines, it's often hard to tell the audience from the cast. The show has a fan club with more than 55,000 members worldwide. But somewhere along the way the whole space-alien-in-drag experience just got sort of ... polite.

That's why the Actors' Theatre of Washington decided to get back in touch with the bleachy roots of the show. It's got a new (but still trashy)

look, an edgier (but still glammy) sound and a six-piece punk band.

Helen Hayes Award-winner Rick Hammerly plays lecherous cross-dressing spaceman Dr. Furter. He knows a thing or two about gender-bending, having dazzled audiences as the lead role in "Hedwig and the Angry Inch," at Signature Theatre. And they've taken over Nation nightclub, where impolite behavior is a nightly ritual. **BOB MASSEY**

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While the modest French establishment may not make the D.C. bus tour this year, it will at least be open to hungry tourists all night, serving reasonably priced French fare until 3 a.m. Sunday through Wednesday and until 6 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. (Courbois also owns Au Pied du Cochon, a Georgetown establishment known largely for its late hours in a city starving for all-night eateries.) The Bistro's stereo-

typically French menu items include salade nicoise, brie almandine and l'escargot, but hearty post-drinking binge fare such as burgers and grilled cheese sandwiches are also available.

The restaurant's spacious wood-paneled interior, loosely packed with simple, white cloth-covered tables, may not be particularly stimulating, but it's a pleasant scene nonetheless, and well-placed for M Street people-watching. Come in on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for an indulgent all-you-can-eat brunch, which includes a half-bottle of champagne and lobster parisienne along with the buffet, all for under \$25.

JENNIE KIM (EXPRESS)

BREAKTHROUGHS

Sorry, It's Not Low-Carb

Nutritionally speaking, drinking a Starbucks venti Java Chip

Frappuccino is kind of like drinking a liquefied Big Mac, an unpleasant image and disturbing fact. In keeping with its grand history of innovation, Starbucks — responsible for turning a virtually calorie-free beverage into a gluttonous sugar and caffeine speedball — introduced **"LIGHT" FRAPPUCCINOS** on Wednesday.

The new drinks, which reportedly took two years to perfect, are made with low-fat milk and half the sugar. A grande light caramel Frappuccino without whipped cream has 180 calories and 1.5 grams of fat, compared to 280 calories and 3.5 grams of fat in the original. (Add whipped cream, though, and both ooze with fat.) The unsurprising verdict: a bit watery, compared to the thick, non-diet version. J.K.



Food critic Tom Sietsema drops in on Dupont Circle's Sette Osteria. In Sunday's Washington Post Magazine.

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IN-DEPTH TV | Billing itself as American television's only series of international documentaries, "Wide Angle" (10 p.m., PBS) is returning for its third season and promises to give special attention to stories from the Islamic world.

From inside Israeli prisons, "Suicide Bombers" hears from three of these failed operatives, as well as a recruiter and a bomb builder. Each speaks his piece on the hows and whys of an enterprise most viewers



find incomprehensible.

wounded another 50.

“As for Jewish civilians or women,” he says through a translator, “they came to live in my country. That’s an assault on me, so I attack them in self-defense.”

Also heard from: an 18-year-old who entered Israel with a bag full of nails and explosives, but wavered and returned home, where he was arrested several days later.

"As they kill us, we should kill them," he says at first.

But as the moment of truth approached, he confesses: "I got confused. It crossed my mind that some people did not deserve to die." "Wide Angle" runs weekly through September. **FRAZIER MOORE (AP)**

THE HOST IS TOAST

Add **THE GRAHAM NORTON EFFECT** (10 p.m., Comedy Central) to the list of British programs that get lost in translation. While Norton's BBC America show "So Graham Norton" was bawdy, his Comedy Central show seems to be straining to get the attention of the FCC. The results were more often crude than clever. Last week's guest, Sandra Bernhard, patronized Norton while congratulating him on hitting the "big time" of Comedy Central. I hope the folks at NBC working on the Americanized version of "The Office" are taking notes on what not to do.

COLES TO NEWCASTLE

Cory Grant portrays composer Cole Porter in the 1946 biopic **NIGHT AND DAY** (8 p.m., TCM), just in time for the new Porter biography, "De-Lovely," opening in theatres Friday.

NOT 'CSI,' BUT NOT UNLIKE 'CSI'



LaPaglia

Two episodes of **WITHOUT A TRACE**, starring Anthony LaPaglia (CBS): A troubled vet vanishes (8 p.m.), as does a cop-turned-bounty hunter (10 p.m.).

BUBBLY POP

PEPSI SMASH (8 p.m., WB) Kanye West, 311, Los Lonely Boys, The Killers, Gavin Degraw and Mis-Teeq perform.

CULT CHOICE

Producer Mel Brooks hired director David Lynch to helm the 1980 film version of the Broadway drama **THE ELEPHANT MAN** (8:30 p.m., Independent Film Channel) after seeing Lynch's cult classic "Eraserhead." KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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	FX	Fear Factor			Fear Factor Human wrecking balls.		* "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000) Ashton Kutcher, Seann William Scott.						Fear Factor				* "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000)							
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TNT	Charmed "Exit Strategy"			Law & Order "Pride and Joy"		**** "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman. (DVS)				(45) **** "Unforgiven" (1992) Clint Eastwood.														
USA	Walker, Texas Ranger "Lost Boys"			JAG "Promises"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		*** "Braveheart" (1995, Drama) Mel Gibson. A Scottish rebel rallies his countrymen against England. (DVS)																
VHI	(5:00) 40 Greatest Rock Feuds			40 Greatest Reality Show Moments				*** "Footloose" (1984, Drama) Kevin Bacon. Small-town teens fight for their right to dance.																
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MOVIES	AMC	*** "Rocky III" (1982, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Burgess Meredith. 'PG'					*** "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire. Premiere. 'PG'					*** "The Karate Kid" (1984, Drama) Ralph Macchio. Premiere. 'PG'												
	TCM	***** "The Adventures of Robin Hood" (1938) Errol Flynn. 'PG'					*** "Night and Day" (1946, Musical) Cary Grant, Alexis Smith. 'NR'					(15) *** "Silk Stockings" (1957, Musical) Fred Astaire. 'NR'												
	HBO	(5:00) *** "Antwone Fisher"			** "Enough" (2002, Suspense) Jennifer Lopez.		* "PG-13"		*** "The Saint" (1997, Adventure) Val Kilmer.		* "PG-13"		Real Sex 30: Down and Dirty											
	MAX	*** "Head of State" (2003) Chris Rock.					* "PG-13"		(45) ** "White Squall" (1996, Drama) Jeff Bridges, Caroline Goodall. Premiere.		* "PG-13"		*** "Minority Report" (2002, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise.											
	SHOW	*** "Jasper, Texas" (2003, Drama) Jon Voight. iTV.					* "R"		"Lost Treasure" (2003, Action) Stephen Baldwin. 'R'		*** "Jackass: The Movie" (2002) Johnny Knoxville. 'R'		Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation.											
	TMC	Dangerous Curves			(20) * "Con Express" (2002) Sean Patrick Flanery. 'R'		*** "I Love Trouble" (1994, Suspense) Julia Roberts.		* "PG"		(05) *** "Finder's Fee" (2001) Erik Palladino. 'R'		(45) *** Ice 'R'											
	STARZ!	(5:00) *** "Chicago" (2002)			(05) ** "Anger Management" (2003) Adam Sandler.		* "PG-13"		*** "Holes" (2003, Adventure) Sigourney Weaver.		* "PG"		*** "Mortal Kombat" (1995) 'PG-13'											
ENCORE	(05) ** "Jaqued Edge" (1985, Drama) Glenn Close, Jeff Bridges. 'R'					*** "Bugsy" (1991, Drama) Warren Beatty, Annette Bening, Harvey Keitel.					* "R"		(20) * "The Scarlet Letter" (1995) Demi Moore. 'R'											

Sports

Roddick Closes In on Final

Federer joins American in Wimbledon semifinals

WIMBLEDON | Andy Roddick gets plenty of attention for his serves, and they certainly helped him out of jams Wednesday against No. 12 Sjeng Schalken, including one at a Wimbledon-record 146 mph.

What's new, though, is that the U.S. Open champion is developing into a complete player, full of grit and guile, and he showed it in a 7-6 (4), 7-6 (9), 6-3 victory that put him in the semifinals for a second consecutive year.

He'll have an edge in that department Saturday when he faces 63rd-ranked Mario Ancic of Croatia. Goran Ivanisevic's protege

beat No. 5 Tim Henman's 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-2, ending local fans' hopes for Britain's first men's champion since 1936.

Meanwhile, Roger Federer stretched his winning run on the surface to 22 matches by eliminating his predecessor as Wimbledon champion, No. 7 Lleyton Hewitt, 6-1, 6-7 (1), 6-0, 6-4.

"The way it's going, I don't have any reason to be too nervous," said Federer, whose semifinal foe is No. 10 Sebastien Grosjean, a 7-5, 6-4, 6-2 winner over 66th-ranked Florian Mayer of Germany.

HOWARD FENDRICH (AP)

WILLIAMS HAS LITTLE TROUBLE WITH CAPRIATI

→ In a match that never lived up to expectations, two-time defending champion Serena Williams beat a listless Jennifer Capriati 6-1, 6-1 in 45 minutes on Wednesday to advance to the Wimbledon semifinals. Williams will next face Amelie Mauresmo, who beat Paola Suarez 6-0, 5-7, 6-1 to reach her second Wimbledon semifinal. Suarez had six double faults, 32 unforced errors and only seven winners. (AP)



Top seed Serena Williams watches her shot sail over the net during match point in her two-set victory over fellow American Jennifer Capriati on Wednesday.

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In Brief

PRO BASKETBALL

Orlando GM Slams McGrady

Orlando general manager John Weisbrod believes the Magic will be a whole lot better without departed star Tracy McGrady. Weisbrod took some parting shots Wednesday at his former player, implying McGrady wasn't capable of leading a winning team. "It starts with how you define a superstar," Weisbrod said. "I think a superstar is defined by wins, by making the players around him better and by making the team better." (AP)

AUTO RACING

Stewart Avoids Suspension

Tony Stewart avoided suspension Wednesday when NASCAR fined him \$50,000 and docked him championship points for his altercation with Brian Vickers last Sunday. Vickers was knocked out of Sunday's race in California following contact from Stewart. After the race, Vickers said Stewart came up to his car window and confronted him. He claims that Stewart then reached for him inside the car and "knocked the breath out of me." (AP)

OLYMPICS

First Black Male Qualifies For U.S. Olympic Rowing Team

Aquil Hashim Abdullah became the first black male rower to qualify for the U.S. Olympic squad Wednesday, teaming with U.S. Navy officer Henry Gantt Nuzum to win double skulls at the Qualified Olympic Small Boat Trials in West Windsor, N.J. (AP)

EURO 2004 | PORTUGAL'S PRIDE



FINALLY: Portugal players, left, celebrate after beating the Netherlands 2-1 during a Euro 2004 semifinal match in Lisbon Wednesday. Portugal will play either Greece or the Czech Republic in its first major tournament final Sunday.

D.C. Among Contenders To Host ACC Title Game

League begins process to select city for 2005 football championship

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The Atlantic Coast Conference began reviewing proposals Wednesday from seven cities to host the league's first football championship game in 2005.

A sub-committee of the league's athletics directors met with conference officials to review proposals from Charlotte, N.C.; Baltimore; Miami; Jacksonville, Fla.; Orlando, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.; and Washington, D.C., the league said in a release.

The league's championship game would take place once the ACC has expanded to 12 teams. Miami and Virginia Tech join the league Thursday, while Boston College is slated to become the 12th member next year.

The league is expected to announce a decision by early fall.

Commissioner John Swofford said it was too early to say if any city had an advantage. He acknowledged Charlotte would be a "strong possibility." The city has the 73,367-seat Bank of America Stadium, home to the NFL's Carolina Panthers and the Continental Tire Bowl. AARON BEARD (AP)

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New York	48	26	.649	—	26-10	22-16
Boston	42	33	.560	6.5	25-14	17-19
Tampa Bay	37	37	.500	11	22-17	15-20
Toronto	34	43	.442	15.5	20-20	14-23
Baltimore	31	42	.425	16.5	17-22	14-20

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Chicago	40	33	.548	—	24-15	16-18
Minnesota	41	34	.547	—	22-17	19-17
Cleveland	37	38	.493	4	23-16	14-22
Detroit	36	39	.480	5	20-18	16-21
Kansas City	29	45	.392	11.5	19-22	10-23

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Texas	43	31	.581	—	25-12	18-19
Oakland	42	33	.560	1.5	25-12	17-21
Anaheim	41	35	.539	3	22-16	19-19
Seattle	31	44	.413	12.5	18-21	13-23

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
Philadelphia	40	35	.533	—	20-16	20-19
Florida	41	36	.532	—	20-17	21-19
New York	37	38	.493	3	21-16	16-22
Atlanta	36	40	.474	4.5	18-18	18-22
Montreal	25	50	.333	15	13-22	12-28

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
St. Louis	46	31	.597	—	20-17	26-14
Chicago	42	34	.553	3.5	21-15	21-19
Cincinnati	41	35	.539	4.5	22-13	19-22
Milwaukee	39	34	.534	5	21-17	18-17
Houston	39	37	.513	6.5	20-19	19-18
Pittsburgh	31	43	.419	13.5	13-22	18-21

WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOME	ROAD
San Francisco	43	34	.558	—	24-15	19-19
San Diego	41	35	.539	1.5	20-17	21-18
Los Angeles	39	35	.527	2.5	22-15	17-20
Colorado	28	47	.373	14	17-19	11-28
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TANOREXICS

The Apple Don't Fall Far, Eh?

Gianni Versace's niece **ALLEGRA BECK** turned 18 on Wednesday and took possession of the inheritance from her late uncle — half the fashion house. The 50 percent stake in the company had been held in trust since Versace was gunned down at his Miami Beach mansion in 1997. She is the daughter of Versace's sister **DONATELLA** and former model Paul Beck. (AP)

AVOWALS

In Lieu of Kids, Britney and Kev Buy Dog

In an interview this week with People magazine, **BRITNEY SPEARS** elaborated on her engagement to backup dancer Kevin Federline: "I kissed a bunch of frogs and finally found my prince." Calling her Vegas nuptials "a total ugh," she said that this time, "I'm in love." Spears dismissed pregnancy rumors, but said in the future, "I definitely want to have some kids. I see myself with four or five. We're starting with a dog. I just got a Maltese named Lacy." (EXPRESS)



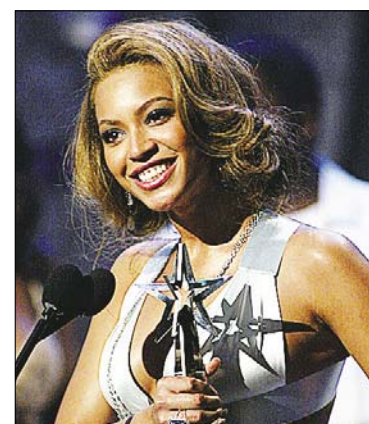
APPRENTICES

Can't Blame Omarosa Now

A lawyer for "Apprentice" finalist **KATRINA CAMPINS**, 24, and her fiancé, Ben Moss, told Miami reporters Tuesday that they plan to sue Seay Towing over the fracas that took place after their car was towed. Campins suffered a broken nose, swollen eye and leg scrapes; Moss needed stitches for a split lip. But company owner Donnie Seay claimed Campins "started going crazy," and the couple attacked him and others. According to Miami police, "It's still an active case." (AP)



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With two first-name-only parents, what will Beyonce and Jay-Z's kids go by?

AWARDS

Yours, Mine and Ours

Hip-hop power couple **JAY-Z** and **BEYONCÉ** were big winners at the BET Awards in Los Angeles Tuesday, sharing the best collaboration award for "Crazy in Love."

Beyonce was named best female R&B artist, while Jay-Z won the award for best male hip-hop artist. OutKast also won multiple awards for video of the year and best group. LeBron James and Serena Williams won athletes of the year. (AP)



This brand-new bag won't help Papa.

BLACK SHEEP

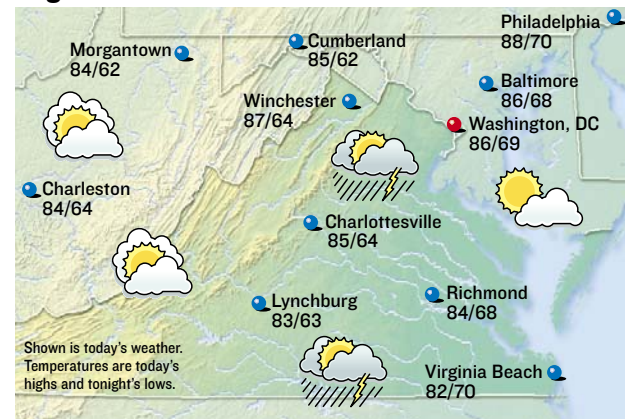
Free Delinquent Dad With Handbag Purchase

LINDSAY LOHAN will star in Dooney & Bourke's upcoming ad campaign. In less fortuitous news, father Michael Lohan was arrested Tuesday after allegedly leaving a \$3,800 Long Island hotel bill unpaid, shortly before he was to face charges for striking his brother-in-law at a family gathering. He is also facing charges in Manhattan for allegedly swearing at a sanitation worker, then punching him in the face. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny, thunderstorm	Shower, thunderstorm	Partly sunny, thunderstorm possible	Partly sunny, humid	Mostly cloudy, thunderstorms	Partly sunny, thunderstorm
86°	69°	90° / 72°	86° / 72°	90° / 72°	90° / 72°

Regional Weather



Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Wed.

Temperature

High	84°
Low	65°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	68°
Average humidity	54%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	4.60"
Normal month to date	3.13"
Year to date	17.14"
Last year to date	31.07"
Normal year to date	19.27"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

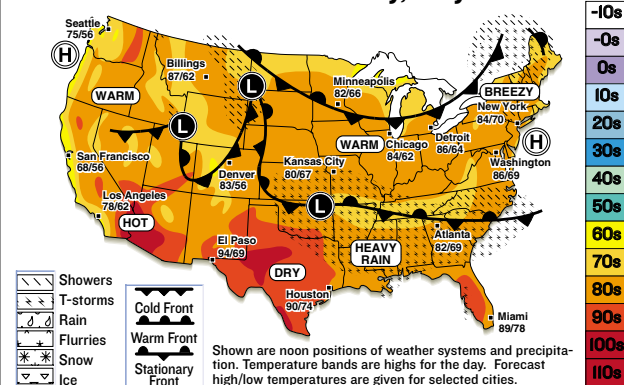
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, warm, more humid, chance of a thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 86. Wind south 8-14 mph. Tonight, thunderstorm early.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	5:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:37 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:25 p.m.
Moonset today	4:24 a.m.

Phase	Date
Full	July 2
Last	July 9
New	July 17
First	July 24

National Weather for Thursday, July 1



National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	82/69/t	84/71/t
Boston	84/66/s	80/64/t
Chicago	84/62/s	82/64/pc
Dallas	90/75/t	92/75/t
Denver	83/56/pc	88/58/t
Honolulu	89/76/pc	89/76/sh
Los Angeles	78/62/pc	80/62/pc
Miami	89/78/sh	88/77/sh
New York City	84/70/s	86/68/pc
Orlando	92/74/t	92/72/t
Seattle	75/56/pc	75/56/pc

World Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Amsterdam	61/50/sh	59/50/sh
Athens	87/69/s	89/72/s
Berlin	72/49/c	70/49/sh
Buenos Aires	63/52/pc	66/48/pc
Calgary	75/52/c	74/50/pc
Dublin	61/50/sh	60/48/sh
Geneva	73/56/c	72/55/s
Moscow	72/54/c	77/56/pc
Rome	89/68/s	87/66/s
Sydney	67/46/s	67/45/s
Tokyo	83/69/pc	80/69/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

THERE ARE THREE known families of freshwater dolphins in the world, not just one as stated in your last edition (World, June 30). These dolphins live in the Ganges River, the Indus River, the Yangtze River, and the Amazon River. However, the Chinese River dolphin (Yangtze River) is the most endangered species.

—ALAN WAGENBERG
Arlington, Va.

I COULDN'T AGREE MORE with Brad Dancer's letter in Express (June 30) calling for the press to stop referring to Michael Moore's films as "documentaries." Indeed, the American Heritage Dictionary defines a documentary as "presenting facts objectively without editorializing or inserting fictional matter, as in a book or film." Taking this into account, I'd urge the Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences to take back the Best Documentary Oscar it awarded Moore in 2003. Since all of Moore's films are highly fictitious, and not at all objective, I can't understand why the Academy would sully its reputation by associating its award with such a well-known huckster.

—SCOTT GAMMON
Centreville, Va.

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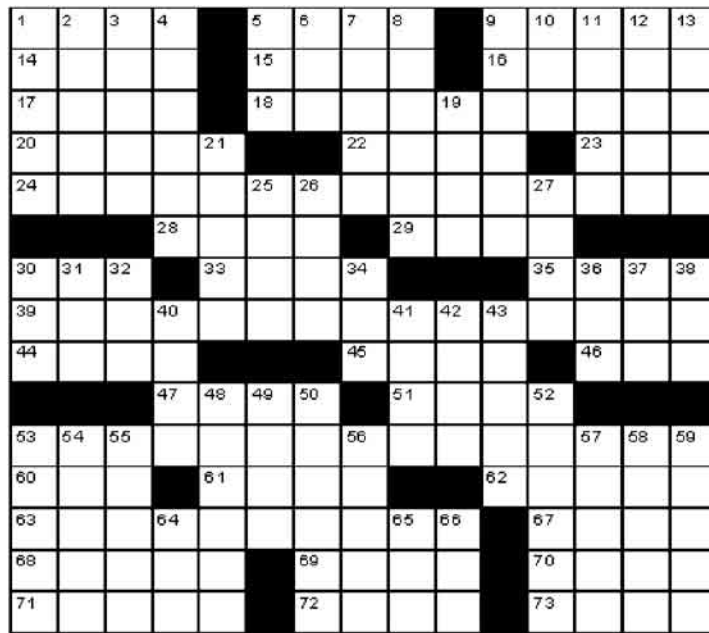
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Pinkie Picks | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Like some loads
- 5 It's sometimes built on
- 9 Judge's perch
- 14 Think tank output
- 15 Perform a judicial function
- 16 "___ Mio"
- 17 Astronauts' beverage
- 18 Respond in court
- 20 Julia in the kitchen
- 22 Make a change for the verse?
- 23 Old salt
- 24 Type of loan
- 28 Eyelid woe
- 29 It comes twice after "Que" in a song
- 30 Sold-out sign
- 33 Cafeteria carrier
- 35 Geometry calculation
- 39 One begins 18, 24, 53 and 63-Across
- 44 Word with gossip or chatter
- 45 Scotch partner
- 46 Self-importance
- 47 Those, south of the border
- 51 Entre ___ (between you and me)
- 53 Plant boss
- 60 It may follow dust
- 61 Alan or Robert
- 62 "South Pacific" hero

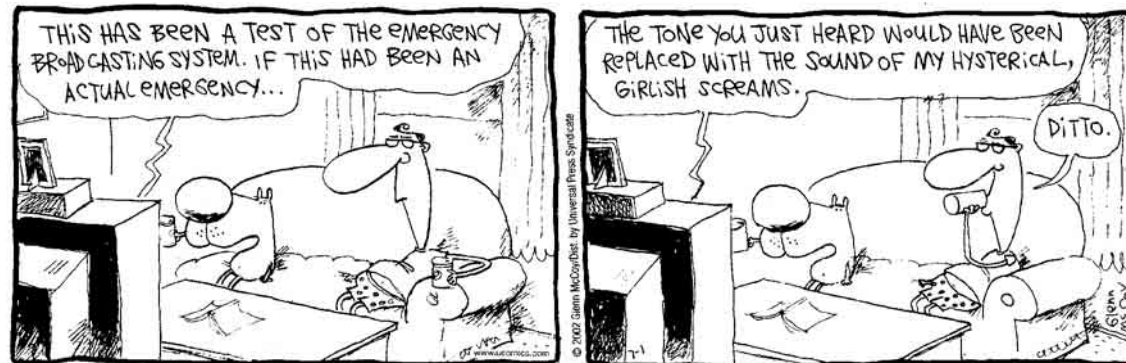


- 63 It comes off the assembly line
- 67 Pupil's place
- 68 Sleep disturbance
- 69 Renowned isle of exile
- 70 Jeans purveyor
- 71 Tries to lose
- 72 Nemesis of Boss Tweed

- 73 First garden
- DOWN**
- 1 Broom Hilda, e.g.
- 2 Potato grower
- 3 Material for 70-Across
- 4 U.S. gold coins
- 5 Seashell seller
- 6 Lockup
- 7 Lotus-___ ("Odyssey" figure)

- 8 Tenets
- 9 Yachtsman or hat
- 10 Parapsychology, for short
- 11 "Lorenzo's Oil" star
- 12 Jerk partner
- 13 Tin Man's need
- 19 Tear apart
- 21 "Me, too!"
- 25 Vidal's Breckinridge
- 26 Diamond shape
- 27 Polite yes or no follower
- 30 Part of what a biathlete does
- 31 San Fernando ___ (Skelton character)
- 32 With 58-Down, Popeye's love
- 34 PGA distances
- 36 Comic actress Charlotte
- 37 Chang's constant companion
- 38 Bustle
- 40 Gripe
- 41 Great place for a dip
- 42 Unpleasant emanation
- 43 Violet relative
- 48 Long looks
- 49 Capital on a fjord
- 50 Unexpected
- 52 Literary comparison
- 53 Shopaholic's watchword
- 54 Capital of Vietnam
- 55 Low-budget film, often
- 56 Abdul or Cole
- 57 Begot
- 58 See 32-Down
- 59 Varnish ingredient
- 64 California hrs.
- 65 "Survivor" network
- 66 Use a shuttle

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — What begins impulsively during the first part of the day you'll want to take more seriously as nighttime approaches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You can put an end to pretense — at least among family members who have been living a lie, however trivial, for too long.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Don't underestimate the importance of those routine affairs you've been putting off or ignoring lately. Focus on them squarely.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Are you in a position to see things for what they are? Indeed, you should be able to point and say exactly what's what. Others depend on you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Family and friends will seem to have a greater interest in your own private affairs. You must know just when to defend your boundaries.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Love is in the picture — though you may not know exactly where it will come from, or when. Leave yourself open to all opportunities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Questions of maturity are likely to arise, and the issues highlighted may well have nothing whatsoever to do with experience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You'll learn the meaning of truth in advertising. Be sure you know just what you want, or someone will take unfair advantage of you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're not in the mood to take things too seriously. Some, however, may find your light-hearted attitude intolerable — temporarily.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your independence and eagerness to get ahead may actually stand in your way for a time — until you learn how to cooperate in a new way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — To know you is to love you. Your charm and radiance are not to be equaled, and you will have a knack for making others feel important, wanted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Trust your intuitions to give you the signals you need — particularly when experience or formal training let you down in some respect.

LIVE ONLINE

Interest Rates

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

LEE PRICE, research director at the Economic Policy Institute, was online Wednesday and discussed the Federal Reserve's raising of a key interest rate by a quarter-point.

What kinds of loans are keyed to the prime rate?

Many borrowers — especially on small businesses and home equity — have loans that are "prime plus." Depending on the credit risk, the loan may be a quarter-point or three points above prime. The monthly interest on these loans will fluctuate with some posted prime rate — say from a major bank.

What impact do you predict for mortgage interest rates?

Longer-term rates have gone down today, but they are also higher than they were several months ago. That suggests that the Fed has done a good job of signaling its intentions and of assuring people that the prospects for inflation will not require large rate hikes in the months to come.

If interest rates go up, are home prices expected to go down?

If short-term rates go up by 2 or 3 percent in the next year, it will have a major effect on long-term rates, including mortgage rates. I do not predict that, in part because our economy has become quite attached to low mortgage rates. We are borrowing heavily against home equity. A sharp increase in mortgage rates would dampen the demand for homes. Some worry about a housing "bubble." A gradual increase in rates would cause home prices to flatten, but not to fall.

Will this increase have a positive impact on interest earned on things like personal savings accounts any time soon?

It should have some impact, but the effects tend to be less immediate than the banks' lending rates.

Today on Live Online:

3:00 P.M.: Shibley Telhami, professor and Sadat Chair for Peace and Development at the University of Maryland, discusses how the Iraq handover is perceived in the Middle East and its impact.

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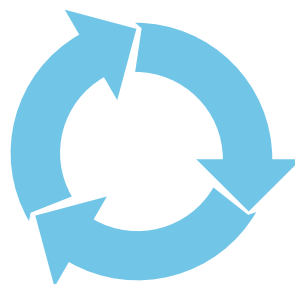
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